GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants - Revenue (Commercial Tax) Department - Surprise check conducted over the Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district on 18.01.2014 - Allegation of corruption and misconduct against Smt.P.Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO and 14 others - Common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges framed - Inquiry Officer and Presenting Officer appointed - Inquiry report submitted - Communicated - Written representations submitted - Charges proved - Penalty Imposed - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 655 Dated: 27-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.7/DES-NNL/2014, dated 02.01.2015.
2. G.O.Ms.No.169, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 15.05.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.Nos.410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423 and 424, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 15.05.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1078, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 02.11.2016.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1079, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 02.11.2016.
6. G.O.Rt.No.762, Revenue (Vig-II) Dept., dated 17.07.2019.
7. From the CCST's, Lr.Ref.No.V1/256/2015, dated 11.04.2022.
8. Govt.Memo.No.CCST0CCTV(ACBC)/1/2019, dated 22.11.2022.
9. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V1/256/2015, dated 06.06.2024.
10. G.O.Rt.No.654, Revenue (Vig-VI) Dept., dated 27.06.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau in the reference 1st read above has reported that on credible information that the officers and staff of Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore district were collecting 'mamools' from the crew of vehicles passing through the ICP and allowing irregular operation of vehicles by violating the rules and regulations, the DSP, ACB, Nellore Range, Nellore organized a surprise check over the ICP, B.V. Palem on 18.01.2014 in the presence of mediators with the help of staff and it revealed that the officials working in ICP resorting to malpractices by collecting mamools directly from the crew of the vehicles passing through the check post for ignoring the violations of transporters and thereby caused loss to the Government Exchequer and recommended departmental action for violation of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 against the three (03) Transport Department officials and twelve (12) Commercial Tax Department officials respectively.

2. Whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, Govt., issued orders common disciplinary proceedings against all fifteen (15) Suspected officers i.e., 1) Smt.P.Lakshmi Madhavi, CTO (SO-4), 2) Sri P.Mallikarjuna Rao, DCTO (SO-5), 3) Sri D.Balaiah, ACTO (SO-6), 4) Sri N.Chandra Paul Singh, Jr.Asst.(SO-7), 5) Sri Shaik Sharif Basha, Jr.Asst.(SO-8), 6) Sri N.V.Ramanaiah, Jr.Asst.(SO-9), 7) Sri V.Bala Krishna, Jr.Asst.(SO-10), 8) Sri P.Gangadhar, Jr.Steno (SO-11), 9) Sri S.Srinivasulu, Attender (SO-12), 10) Sri D.Kondala Rao, Office Subordinate (SO-13), 11) Sri O.Venkateswarlu, Office Subordinate (SO-15), 12) Sri Y.Mani Kanta Babu, Jr.Asst.(SO-14) of Commercial Tax Dept., and 13) Sri S.Basava Madhu Sudhana Rao, AMVI (SO-1), 14) Sri D.Girish Babu, Attender (SO-2) and 15) Sri Sk.Azad Zakir, MVI (SO-3) of Transport Department respectively under Sub-Rules (1) and (2) of Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. Whereas, in the reference 3rd read above, Govt., issued orders framing articles of charges against all the above said fifteen (15) Charged Officers under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. After obtaining the explanations of the Charged Officers, in the reference 4th read above, Govt., have appointed Appellate Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Taxes, Tirupati as Inquiry Authority to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officers. In the reference 5th read above, Govt., have appointed the Assistant Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Audit), O/o. Deputy Commissioner, Commercial Tax, Nellore as the Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority in support of article of charges framed against the Charted Officers.

4. Whereas, in the reference 6th read above, Govt., issued orders abating all further proceedings against Sri S.Srinivasulu, Attender (SO-12), Commercial Taxes Dept., as the Charged Officer expired on 29.08.2017 while in service, subject to the condition that if any

loss caused to Government due to the negligence of the deceased Charged Officer was detected in future, the same would be recovered from his legal representatives as per rules.

5. Whereas, in the reference 7th read above, the CCST has furnished the Inquiry Report submitted by Inquiry Authority i.e., Sri S.Rambabu, formerly Appellate Deputy Commissioner (Commercial Taxes), Tirupati to Govt., for taking further action in the matter. Whereas, in the reference 8th read above, the inquiry report has been communicated to the 14 Charged Officers, Commercial Taxes Department (11) personnel and 3 personnel of Transport Department under Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to submit their representations, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority within the stipulated period.

6. Whereas, in the reference 9th read above, the CCST have submitted served copies of the Charged Officers and written representations of the charged officers furnished by the JC (ST), Nellore Division and requested to take further action in the matter. The Charged Officers have submitted their defense and denied the charges framed against them and requested the Government to drop further action against them. Out of 15 Charged Officers, the charges framed against 10 Charged Officers (i.e., SO-4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 02) were not proved and orders have been issued vide reference 10th read above dropping further action against them. Further, the charges framed against 04 Charged Officers i.e., (i) Sri D. Balaiah (SO-6) ACTO, (ii) Sri Shaik Azad Zakhir (SO-3), MVI and (iii) Sri S.Basava Madhusudhana Rao (SO-1) AMVI, (iv) Sri P.Gangadhar, (SO-11) Jr.Steno are proved in the Inquiry as per findings of the Inquiry Report.

7. Government after careful examination of the Inquiry Report submitted the Inquiry Authority and explanations of the Charged Officers and observed that the above said officers have exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant in violation of Rule 3 (1) (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 while performing the duty at the Integrated Check Post, Bheemunivaripalem, Tada Mandal, SPSR Nellore District and the same was proved in the Inquiry.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose penalty of withholding of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against (03) Charged Officers viz., i) Sri D.Balaiah (SO-6), ACTO, ii) Sri Shaik Azad Zakhir (SO-3), MVI and iii) Sri S.Basava Madhusudhana Rao, (SO-1) AMVI, Transport Department as the Charges framed against them are held proved in the Inquiry and to impose the penalty of withholding one annual grade increment without cumulative effect against Sri P.Gangadhar (SO-11), Jr.Steno as the charge framed against the Charged Officer is partly held proved.

9. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli, Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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All the individuals (through the Chief Commissioner of State Tax,
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The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh,
Kunchanapalli, Guntur district

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